Incidents of fire in high-rise buildings in Delhi

211. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fire incidents in the high-rise buildings in Delhi during the last two years and the loss of human life as a result thereof;

(b) whether Government have ordered a fresh check-up of fire safety devices installed and other measures taken in this regard in these multi-storeyed buildings;

(c) whether it is a fact that DDA head-quarters buildings lacks in fire safety measures, and

(d) whether Government propose to ban construction of such buildings in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) During the last two years viz. 1985-86 and 1986-87, there were 192 incidents of fire in high-rise buildings and 37 lives were lost in these incidents.

(b) On the besis of survey conducted legal notices have since been issued to the owners/occupiers of 194 high-rise buildings to provide the fire safety and fire prevention measures. They have been asked to carry out the directions before 30th September, 1987.

(c) Vikas Minar, belonging to DDA, lacks in fire safety measures.

(d) No, Sir.

Supply of relief materials for Tamils in Sri Lanka

212. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the relief materials airdropped by Government in Sri Lanka on 4th June, 1987 and the cost thereof;

(b) what were the relief materials shipped from India since June, 1987 to Sri Lanka and the cost thereof and also the expenditure incurred on this account;

(c) whether Government propose to continue this relief operation to Sri Lanka; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what were the conditions under which each shipment of relief materials was despatched to Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The relief supplies which were air dropped over Jaffna peninsula on June 4, consisted of essential food items, kerosene and medicines. The total cost of these items was around Rs. 7.5 lakhs.

(b) The relief supplies sent by Government in four shipments so far since June, 1987 consist of essential food items such as rice, wheat flour, maida, sugar, edible oil and medicines. The total cost of relief supplies is around Rs. 1.60 crores. The total expenditure incurred is being worked out.

(c) Yes, Sir. A few more shipments will be sent.

(d) The shipments were sent in accordance with the agreement between the Governments of India and Sri Lanka of June 15, 1987, for despatch of relief supplies to Sri Lankan citizens in the Jaffna peninsula.

वृक्ष रोपण

213. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बहुत बड़ी संख्या में वृक्ष लगाने की कोई योजना हाथ में ली है,

यदि हां, तो वह योजना किस प्रकार चल रही है ;

(ख) क्या कभी इसका कोई मूल्यांकन किया गया है कि रोपे जाने के दो अथवा तीन वर्ष के पश्चात् कितने वृक्ष बच पाते हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि वृक्ष लगाये जाने के दो अथवा तीन वर्ष के पश्चात कोई यह नहीं देखता कि लगाये गये वृक्ष जीवित हैं अथवा नहीं ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अन्सारी) :(क) जी हां, 20 सूत्रीय कार्यक्रम में पेड़ रोपण को पाइंट संख्या 16 के रूप में शामिल किया गया है । पिछले 2 वर्षों के लिये लक्ष्य और उपलब्धियां इस प्रकार हैं :–

(पौधों की संख्या करोड़ों में)

वर्ष	लक्ष्य	उपलब्धियां
1985–86	280.96	302.01
1986–87	342.84	352.37

1987–88 में 460 करोड़ पौधे लगाने का योजना है । पिछले 2 वर्ष की उपलब्धियां 100% से अधिक हैं । इस तरह पेड़ रोपण का कार्यक्रम संतोषजनक हो रहा है ।

(ख) जी हां । वन विभाग आमतौर पर पौध लगाने के 3 वर्षों तक पौधों की जीविता का जांच करता है । इस पद्धति को अब प्रत्येक राज्य/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों में कम्प्यूटर से प्राप्त आंकड़ों द्वारा कारगर बनाया जा रहा है । इस उद्देश्य के लिये मोनीटोरिंग तथा मूल्यांकन नियमावली तैयार कर ली गई है ।

(ग) जी नहीं । सरकारी भूमि पर वन विभागों द्वारा लगाए गये पौधों की देख-रेख वन विभाग के कर्मचारियों द्वारा की जा रही है । प्रथम 3 वर्षों के लिये वन विभाग पंचायती तथा समुदाय भूमि पर लगाए गये पौधों को भी देखता है । उसके बाद लगाए गये पेड़ो को रख-रखाव के लिए ग्राम पंचायतों को सौंप देता है । जहां तक फार्म फोरेस्ट्री प्रोग्राम के अंतर्गत लगाए गये पेड़ों का संबंध है, किसान अपने पेड़ों की स्वयं देखभाल करता है ।

Supply of arms to Pakistan by U.S.

214. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States is supplying arms to Pakistan in large quantities and is also helping Pakistan to establish its own arms industry;

(b) whether Government consider it as a threat to the country's security and have taken up the matter with the U.S. administration; and

(c) if so, what is the response of the United States thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The views held by the United States Government in the matter are not the same as ours.

Over staying by foreigners at the Indian Institue of Advanced Study Shimla

215. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of foreigners are staying beyond the permitted period at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study in Shimla;

(b) whether Government have investigated into the matter;